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6. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said invocation mechanism acts under International H.450 standard as a supplemental services provider (SSP) and wherein said performance mechanism acts under International H.450 standard as an intelligent peripheral.

7. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said invocation mechanism provides for a call-transfer sequence to which said performance mechanism is responsive to route a given call to a different telephone line the number of which is provided in conjunction with the call-transfer request/response sequence.

8. The apparatus of claim 5, wherein said invocation mechanism provides for play-recorded-audio and play-recorded-audio-and-await-digital-input sequences to which said performance mechanism is responsive.

9. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said invocation mechanism further provides for a call-transfer sequence to which said performance mechanism is responsive to route a given call to a different telephone line the number of which is provided in conjunction with the call-transfer request/response sequence.

10. The apparatus of claim 8, wherein said invocation mechanism further provides for flex-parameter-block, play-recorded-audio-and-terminate-call, and play-recorded-audio-using-specified-script sequences to which said performance mechanism is responsive, wherein said flex-parameter-block sequence invokes in the performance mechanism a variable response.

11. A method of interfacing a voice frame network gatekeeper and an interactive voice response unit (IVR), the method comprising:

configuring the gatekeeper as a supplemental services provider (SSP) under International H.450 standard;

configuring the IVR as an intelligent peripheral under International H.450 standard;

the voice frame network in accordance with a defined protocol.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein said first conveying includes invoking a call-transfer request/response sequence to which the IVR is responsive to route a given call to a different telephone line the number of which is provided in conjunction with the call-transfer request/response sequence.

13. The method of claim 11, wherein said first conveying includes invoking play-recorded-audio and play-recorded-audio-and-await-digital-input sequences to which the IVR is responsive.

14. The method of claim 11, wherein said first conveying includes invoking flex-parameter-block, play-recorded-audio-and-terminate-call, and play-recorded-audio-using-specified-script sequences to which the IVR is responsive, wherein said flex-parameter-block sequence invokes in the IVR a variable response.

15. A computer-readable medium containing a program for interfacing a voice frame network gatekeeper and an interactive voice response unit (IVR), the program comprising:

instructions for configuring the gatekeeper as a supplemental services provider (SSP) under International H.450 standard;

instructions for configuring the IVR as an intelligent peripheral under International H.450 standard;

instructions for first conveying requests from the gatekeeper to the IVR over the voice frame network in accordance with a defined protocol; and

instructions for second conveying responses to requests from the IVR to the gatekeeper over the voice frame network in accordance with a defined protocol.

16. The computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 15, wherein said instructions for first conveying include instructions for invoking a call-transfer request/response sequence to which the IVR is responsive to route a given call to a different telephone line number of which is provided in conjunction with the call-transfer request/response sequence.

17. The computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 16, wherein said instructions for first conveying further include instructions for invoking play-recorded-audio and play-recorded-audio-and-await-digital-input sequences to which the IVR is responsive.

18. The computer-readable medium in accordance with claim 17, wherein said instructions for first conveying further include instructions for invoking flex-parameter-bloc, play-recorded-audio-and-terminate-call, and play-recorded-audio-using-specified script sequences to which the IVR is responsive, wherein said flex-parameter-block sequence invokes in the IVR a variable response.

19. Apparatus for interfacing a voice frame network gatekeeper and an interactive voice response unit (IVR), the program comprising:

~~means for configuring the gatekeeper as a supplemental services provider (SSP) under International H.450 standard;~~

means for configuring the IVR as an intelligent peripheral under International H.450 standard;

means for first conveying requests from the gatekeeper to the IVR over the voice frame network in accordance with a defined protocol, said first conveying means including software instructions resident on a computer-readable medium and executable by a processor within the gatekeeper; and

means for second conveying responses to requests from the IVR to the gatekeeper over the voice frame network in accordance with a defined protocol, said second conveying means including software instructions resident on a computer-readable medium and executable by a processor within the IVR.